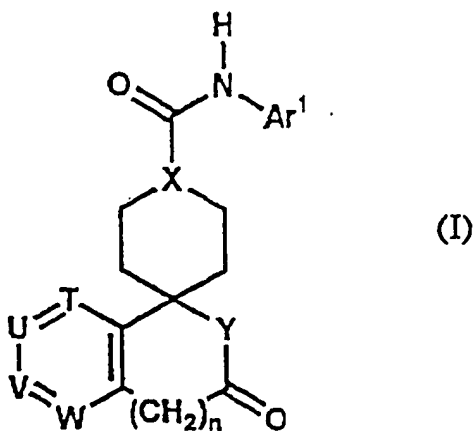




ABSTRACT

Compounds of the general formula (I):



wherein Ar^1 represents optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl;

n represents 0 or 1;

T, U, V and W each independently represent nitrogen atom or optionally substituted methine group, where at least two of them represent the said methine group;

X represents methine or hydroxy substituted methine;

Y represents an optionally substituted imino or oxygen atom

are described and claimed. These novel spiro compounds are useful as neuropeptide Y receptor antagonists and as agents for the treatment of various kinds of cardiovascular disorders, central nervous system disorders, metabolic diseases and the like.

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